

Dear FCC:I am an ordinary consumer of radio who is unaffiliated with either side of this battle. I spend a tremendous amount of time on the road and listening to the airwaves, and feel compelled to offer my thoughts on the radio wars. It is my belief that any regulation whatsoever of satellite radio is unnecessary. I pay a monthly fee for this service and I should be allowed to listen to anything I want to hear without intrusive interference from the government. The FCC was never intended to involve itself in such affairs. It is a well-recognized belief that the NAB, as well as commercial radio, has been strangling the airwaves for years. The NAB is a reprehensible organization that has always sought to stifle radio communication unless such communication served to line the pockets of its membership. It has now been bypassed by greater technology, and it is merely fussing about its declining influence in the listening habits of Americans. The FCC has no business involving itself in the regulation of satellite radio, and indeed may be exceeded its authority as granted by Congress in doing so. Further, the FCC has already cowed enough to commercial interests by relaxing the diversity-of-ownership rules - a decision that has had a devastating impact on the quality of radio airplay. In light of that poor decision, the FCC needs unfettered satellite radio more than ever to offset the poor quality of airwave radio we now receive from conglomerates such as ClearChannel. In short, leave satellite radio alone - it may be the final frontier of quality radio we have in this country.